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Hello all: One point for discussion whether it be dinner , the BRTF meeting, science team meeting, the CCRSG, or the SIG conference call is the results of 23 Stock Assessments that have been completed or will be completed shortly by the NMFS. All of the Assessments were for Groundfish off the Pacific West Coast. Most of the fish assessed showed the fish stocks in good shape or increasing since the last assessment.

The latest assessments show that present management is working without any MPA's in place. A few of the species assessed that are in the project area are as follows: Gopher Rockfish ( A nearshore commercial and sport caught fish) at 97% of the unfished level; Cabezon was 35 % in 2003 now 40.1% in 2005 ( a 14% increase in 2 years); Vermilion Rockfish ranged between 41%-89% Dover sole assessed at 29% in 2002 in 2005 is now at 60%. I will submit a table to the list/ and or website shortly showing the results of all 23 stock assessments and changes as soon as the assessments are completed and available from the PFMC. This should give folks plenty to "chew" on and discuss at different forums. "Idea "  
Minimize economic impacts to the fishing community so they can access our increasing groundfish stocks. Sincerely, Bill James